(d) Services being provided through the call centres are given in the statement (see below)

(e) The total amount sanctioned and the amount spent till date are as under

Rs. 5,72,97,069 — Amount sanctioned Rs.
4,06,14,704 — Amount spent

Statement

Services provided through call centres

(i) Directory enquiry	197
(ii) Changed number announcement service	1951/1952
(iii) STD/ISD code enquiry	182
(iv) National Directory enquiry	183
(v) VIP complaint booking	178
(vi) Internet help desk	1600-111172

Mahila Mandal Bhawan at Shimla

*176. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Pradhan, Mahila Mandal Nandia, Teh. Chirgaon, District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh to release fund for construction of Mahila Mandal Bhawan/Guest House under the Rural Shelter Component of PMGY.

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal was received by the Planning Commission from the Pradhan, Mahila Mandal Nandia, Teh. Chirgaon, District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh for release of funds for construction of Mahila Mandal Bhavan/Guest House under the Rural Shelter Component of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY).

(b) and (c) As per the guidelines circulated by the Planning Commission for implementation of PMGY during 2002-03, the State Governments themselves have been given freedom and flexibility to decide not only the allocation (within their overall allocation) for Additional Central Assistance (ACA) among the six components of PMGY including rural. Shelter, but also the manner of utilisation of these funds as per the guidelines of either their own State Schemes or any Centrally Sponsored Schemes *n* the specific sectors. It is entirely for the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to take appropriate action on this proposal.

Missile Defence System

*177. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a meeting of the Indo-US defence policy group on May 23,2002, in New Delhi, India and the United States moved closer on the issue of Missile Defence System;

(b) if so, the precise identity of views achieved in this regard, indicating the stand taken by each side; and

(c) the agreement on Missile Defence system, if any, reached between the two sides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) During the Indo-US Defence Policy Group (DPG) meeting in Washington from 20—23 May, 2002, the US side gave a briefing on missile defence concepts. In the ensuing exchange of views, India expressed its positive interest in the various dimensions of missile defence while the US side described its policy perspecitve and plans concerning diverse elements of missile defence architecture. The two sides agreed to continue to exchange views on the subject, including by organising workshops and by conducting requirements analyses. The objectives of the DPG meeting did not include reaching identity of views or any agreement on the subject between the two sides.